



Drs. Philip Schmitt (left) and Robert Mobley of Gallaudet's Department of Education display a banner from Liaoning Province School of Special Education officials promising Gallaudet that "our friendship is forever."

## Gallaudet educators visit and lecture at schools for deaf children in China

In China, where any type of handicapping condition is still regarded as a source of shame, education for people with special learning needs has only been practiced for a scant 40 years.

However, China's leaders have come to realize the benefits of educating everyone in its massive population, and for this reason, two educators from Gallaudet's Department of Education were recently called to travel to the heavily industrial Liaoning Province to help introduce educators to modern techniques in teaching deaf people.

"[Considering that] education of handicapped people didn't start until the late 1940s, the Chinese people have made enormous strides in special education," said Dr. Philip Schmitt, who with Dr. Robert Mobley lectured and toured five of the 36 schools for deaf children in the province of 37 million people. But Schmitt added that China "is still probably a couple of decades behind what we're doing for deaf students in the United States."

Schmitt and Mobley's visit to China from Oct. 18 to Nov. 15 came from Gallaudet's involvement over the past two years with the USA/China Teacher Education Consortium, a group of 35 American institutions from 13 states that have established ties with four Chinese provinces. Through the consortium, education officers from Liaoning visited Gallaudet last spring, and as an offshoot of the visit, the 1989-1990 Gallaudet/Liaoning Project was formed.

Schmitt, who has traveled to China before, both as tourist and educator, and who served as the coordinator of the recent excursion, characterized

Chinese methods of educating deaf students as "extremely formal and rigid. It is very much teacher-directed and controlled," he said, adding that no amplification is used.

"We were there to present them with options—different ways to teach deaf children; different ways to develop communication," Schmitt said. The Chinese were "very receptive and very grateful for any education techniques you present them, but it will take repeated exposure to make significant changes. Their current system is very ingrained. It very much reflects their whole culture."

Hospitality is also an integral aspect of Chinese culture, and the two Gallaudet educators were impressed by the treatment they received. They attended 20 formal meetings and receptions during their visit. "We felt treated like royalty," Schmitt said. "We were always provided with the best that they had."

Schmitt and Mobley both termed their visit a success. "It was a beginning," Schmitt said. "We went to teach and to be ambassadors and further our relationship with the Chinese people. We did what we intended to do [and] we went beyond our original intent because we established contacts we hadn't planned on and we visited more schools than we thought we would."

Next month Gallaudet will host four educators from Liaoning who will be coming to the United States for five weeks to observe education for deaf people and special education practices at Gallaudet and other universities in the D.C. area and other cities.

## New act introduced in Congress would require built-in TV decoders

Televisions equipped with closed-captioned decoders may be the norm rather than the exception in 1992, if Congress passes the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1989 (S. 1974). Introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) just before Congress adjourned last year, this bill requires that by Oct. 1, 1992, all new televisions with screens 13 inches or larger, whether they are manufactured in the United States or imported for use here, have built-in circuitry that will decode and display closed captions.

"The amount of closed-captioned television programming has dramatically increased over the last decade," said Sy DuBow, legal director of Gallaudet's National Center for Law and the Deaf (NCLD). "However, the maintenance and growth of closed-captioned television programming depends on the wide use of the decoder."

DuBow and Karen Peltz Strauss, a staff attorney at NCLD, provided technical and legal advice to Congress on the television decoder circuitry act.

The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) told the Commission on Education of the Deaf that if decoders were more widely used, "the marketplace can be relied upon to increase captioning because more viewers would be reached at a decreased per capita cost."

The Commission on Education of the Deaf has reported that the low number of consumers who own closed-caption decoders provides little incentive for commercial companies to fund captioning services.

While only 170,000 telecaption decoders have been sold since 1979, more than 24 million deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States could benefit from closed-captioned

television if they could afford the decoders. This number includes the 40 percent of the United State's older citizens who have moderate to severe hearing losses.

"The development of built-in decoder circuitry in most new televisions at a small cost offers a promising way to reach this vast audience and ensure a strong self-sustaining captioning service," DuBow said.

The Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1989 is co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), and Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.). Congressmen Major

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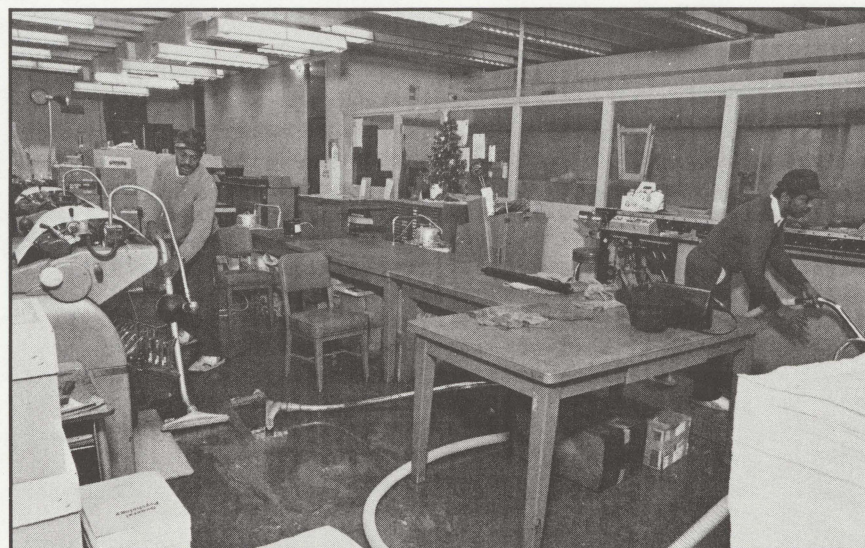
## Gallaudet begins recycling paper

The time is drawing near for Gallaudet employees to do their part in recycling trash, now that the District of Columbia government has implemented a new recycling law.

The University's Custodial Department has announced that MSSD and KDES will begin their participation in recycling on Feb. 1, and all other buildings will join in this spring, probably in late March.

All employees will be required to separate computer paper and other white paper from the regular trash in their offices. Separate containers will be provided for recyclable paper and labeled accordingly. Non-recyclable trash will be removed daily by the custodial staff as usual. Dorms at Gallaudet will also participate in recycling.

Any questions concerning this program should be directed to the Custodial Department, Central Utilities Building, x5279.



Physical Plant workers clean up water at the University's Print Shop, where a heating system valve broke on the evening of Jan 8, causing an estimated \$13,000 in water damages.



## Regional centers get new directors

Two new directors have been appointed to head Gallaudet's regional centers at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Mass., and Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.

Kathleen Vesey, who has a master's degree in counseling from Gallaudet and a master's degree in business administration from Boston University, was scheduled to begin her new position at Northern Essex Community College on Jan. 15. She previously served as director of a mainstreamed educational program near Boston and as commissioner of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

Before Vesey began her new position, Jean Brennan and Rachel Miller acted as co-directors for this center.

Artie Terrell, who has a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, will begin her position as director of the Flagler College center on Feb. 5. She currently works at the Louisiana School for the Deaf as special assistant to the superintendent and coordinator of its Educational Resources Center on Deafness for the southern states.

Currently, Dr. Norm Tully is serving as director of the Flagler center on a part-time basis. Don Rhoton was the previous director.

## TV bill endorsed by Gallaudet

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Owens (D-N.Y.), David Bonior (D-Mich.), and Steve Gunderson (R-Wisc.) will soon introduce an identical bill in the House of Representatives.

The bill is endorsed by Gallaudet University, NCLD, the National Association of the Deaf, the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Society for Deaf Children, Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People, the U.S. Program of Laubach Literacy International, and the Literacy Volunteers of America Inc.



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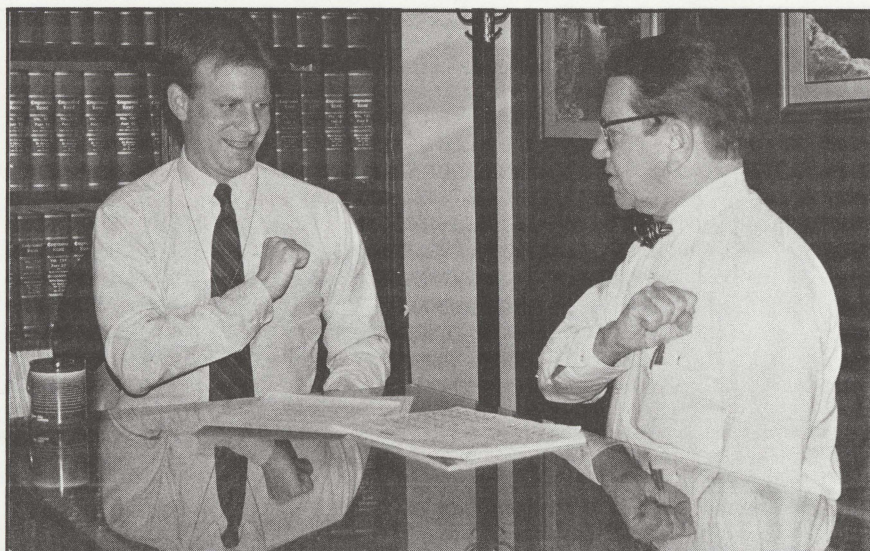
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Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill., right) learns the sign for "senator" from Mike O'Donnell. Simon, who has a hearing loss, and his staff are taking sign classes from O'Donnell.

## Gallaudet Workout starts this week

The spring semester of the Gallaudet Workout, a program of aerobics, body conditioning, and water aerobics classes designed for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people, resumes today, Jan. 22, and continues through May 10.

This past fall semester of the workout program was the most successful yet, organizers said, with more than 2,000 class tickets sold.

The spring workout program will offer a number of ongoing classes, including a new class in ballroom dance. The schedule for the spring semester of the Gallaudet Workout is:

- Monday—12:05-12:55 p.m., Fat Burner
- Tuesday—12:05-12:55 p.m., Body Conditioning/Toning; 5-5:50 p.m., Waterworks or Fat Burner
- Wednesday—12:05-12:55 p.m., Fat Burner or Ballroom Dance

- Thursday—12:05-12:55 p.m., Body Conditioning/Toning; 5-5:50 p.m., Waterworks or Fat Burner
- Friday—12:05-12:55, Fat Burner

Several incentives have been designed to encourage people to participate in the workouts and become fit. Those who attend at least 25 classes will receive a free Gallaudet Workout T-shirt or a "Sign 'n Sweat" T-shirt, 45 class attendances will net a free pair of aerobic shoes or an exercise outfit, and anyone who persuades another member of the Gallaudet community to purchase a minimum of 10 tickets will receive a specially designed T-shirt.

Students, faculty, and staff who are interested in joining the workout may purchase tickets from Stacey Minich in Room 101 of the Field House. Ticket prices are: a block of 10 tickets at \$3 per class; a block of 20 tickets at \$2.50 per class; and \$4 per class on a walk-in basis.

## Announcements

KDES faculty, staff, and students will honor Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, who died Jan. 3, at a memorial service this Friday, Jan. 26, at 1:15 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. Jackson was the KDES dining room supervisor and an employee of KDES for almost 19 years. The campus community is invited to join KDES at the memorial service.

Gallaudet Library orientation tours for the spring semester will be held the week of Jan. 22-26 at the following times: Monday, 11 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m., 3 and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m., 2 and 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A Superbowl XXIV party will be held at "Ole Jim" on Sunday, Jan. 28. The Gallaudet community is invited to see the game on a 5-foot television. A \$5 admission fee includes an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. There will also be a cash bar. Doors open one hour before game time. (Refer to newspaper television schedule for kick-off time.) Anyone interested in attending is requested to call "Ole Jim" at x5060 (V) or x5061 (TDD).

Gallaudet's 1990 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) collections increased an additional \$1,528 in the past month, bringing the final total to \$36,113.50.

This substantially exceeds the University's campaign goal of \$33,000, according to CFC Vice Chairwoman LaVarne Hines.

Deaf and hearing people ages 18-40 who are good lipreaders are being sought by the University's Center for Auditory and Speech Services to participate in an experiment that will involve about six hours a week for 11 weeks. Participants will be paid. For more information call Sarah Lawrence, x7072 (V), or Lynne Bernstein, x6461 (V), or come to the Mary Thornberry Building, Room B-3 or B-7A.

The National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) has produced an updated fact sheet on Gallaudet. *Gallaudet University: A Tradition of Excellence* can be obtained from NICD in the lower level of the Learning Center (LE54), or by calling x5051 (V) or x5052 (TDD).

The Shakespeare Theatre of Washington will resume its signed performances with its current production of "The Tempest," which runs through Jan. 28. A section of seating has been reserved for deaf and hard of hearing people at the 8 p.m. performance on Jan. 25. Eric Malzkahn has translated the work and coached the interpreters in developing the sign language for the production. For tickets call the box office at 546-4000 (V) or 547-7070 (TDD).

## Parking changes

Gallaudet is attempting to provide adequate parking facilities outside assigned zones so that faculty, staff, and students, as well as visitors, will be able to park in different areas of campus if they have business there.

Parking meters are being installed along Lincoln Circle South, Telegraph Hill Road, and Switzer Drive at the existing visitor spaces near Kendall School. Both visitors and members of the campus can use these parking spaces.

Money collected from the parking meters will be placed in the Student Financial Assistance Fund.

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, Jan. 26, will appear in the Feb. 5 issue.

**WANTED:** 2 nonsmoking professionals or grad. students to share contemporary townhouse in Silver Spring, Md., free shuttle to Metro, exc. and very convenient location, avail. Feb. Call Murray, x5165 (TDD) or 547-5081 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking female to share 3-BR apt. w/2 other females in Greenbelt, Md., private rm., \$260/mo. inc. util. Call Helen, 794-7573 (V).

**FOR SALE:** '73 VW Super Beetle, soon to be a classic; beige, tan, or brown, depending on quality of vision; exc. mechanical cond.; almost new tires; aging upholstery on right front seat, \$2,000/will accept more. Call J. Kinner, History Dept., x5474.

**FOR SALE:** Roll top desk, \$975; new Sears washer/dryer, \$500/pair; stacking apt. washer/dryer, \$125; Litton microwave, \$125; baby crib, \$50; antique square sink, \$125; room carpets, \$75/each. Call x4331 (TDD).

**WANTED:** 1 or 2 mature people for furn. BR (furn. can be removed) in Silver Spring, Md.; walking distance to Silver Spring Metro, Giant food store, business area, and NWC; no sec. deposit req.; lease expires 8/1/90; \$475/mo. inc. elec. Call 585-0084 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Quiet, nonsmoking female for private semi-furn. BR in furn. apt. w/female professional, 10-min. walk to Bethesda Metro, walk to library, stores, P.O., restaurants, near hospital, avail. now, \$300/mo. inc. util. Call 907-2422 (TDD) days.

**WANTED:** 2 female and 1 male hearing roommate who sign for private rooms in 5-person house on Capitol Hill, ages 25-30s, grad. student/alumni/professional, no smoking or pets, great location near trans., very cheap rent, avail. Feb. Call Dora, 566-4089 (V/TDD) days or 546-0634 (V/TDD) eves.

**FREE:** Deaf female white poodle, 4 yrs. old, spayed, very friendly, loves kids and laps, house trained, trained w/hand signals, needs either fenced yard or leash. Call Mr. Switzer, 978-6060 (V) after 5 p.m. If no answer, please keep calling.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoker to share 3-BR, 2-bath condo w/patio in Arlington, Va., w/pool, tennis, basketball, softball park/picnic area; walk to P.O., grocery, shopping, restaurants; 5-min. drive to Natl. Airport; 10-15-min. drive to Kendall Green; bus at corner goes to nearby Pentagon Metro; avail. immediately; \$325/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call Del, x5068 or 998-0470 (TDD) eves.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AIDE: MSSD  
CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER: Department of Safety and Security